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Application No.: 10/073,954)	
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Filed: 14 February 2002)	
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For: PREPROCESSOR FOR A)	
PREDETERMINED DOCUMENT)	
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PROCESSING MARKUP)	
LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS, AND)	
METHOD AND COMPUTER)	
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR THIS)	
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OFFICE OF PETITIONS**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.182
FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF APPLICATION FILING DATE
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Notice of Incomplete Application mailed 12 March 2002 (a copy of which is filed herewith), asserts that the above-identified application was deposited without drawings.

This assertion is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that the application was filed with a complete set of drawings, and was therefore complete as of the 14 February 2002 date on which the application was deposited with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Filed herewith is a photocopy of the stamped postcard which, in accordance with MPEP §503, serves as *prima facie* evidence that the complete application, including drawings 1, was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 8, 1999.

A copy of the drawing is also filed herewith.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the drawing be formally acknowledged as filed with the application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 14 February 2002, and that the application be accorded an official filing date of 14 February 2002.

Please charge \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the petition fee due in accordance 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).

Since this petition states that the complete application was filed on 14 February 2002, Applicants request a refund of the petition fee of \$130.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below **and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must** be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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Docket No.: 004501-637

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Title:

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